

SENATE BILL 2940  
By Ramsey

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 34, U.S. Highway 431 over Beaver Dam Creek in Johnson County in honor of Robert Taylor Scott.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who have made sacrifices in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than Robert Taylor Scott, who served his country above and beyond the normal duty during World War II, having been a prisoner of war in the South Pacific and survivor of the infamous Bataan Death March; and

WHEREAS, a beloved son of Johnson County, Robert Taylor Scott's valiant service in the military and his love of his family and his fellow citizens of Johnson County stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Commission has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge on State Route 34, U.S. Highway 431, in that fair county to permanently commemorate Robert Taylor Scott's singular patriotism, courage, and sacrifice as a soldier; now, therefore, BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Beaver Dam Creek on State Route 34, U.S. Highway 431, in Johnson County is hereby designated the "Robert Taylor Scott Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to a beloved son of Johnson County who served his country courageously and with great personal sacrifice during World War II.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Robert Taylor Scott Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.